(c) did the Government receive any petition on this subject ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) and (b). The attention of the Hon'ble Member is drawn to the answer furnished to Question No. 28 (a) and (b).

(c) No petition is traceable.

Mullasseri canal — Improvements to.

30. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the work 'improvements to the Mullasseri canal leading from the fields to the Padiyath basin' was commenced;

(b) was the Mullasseri bridge demolished as a consequence; when was this done;

has it been constructed as yet;

(c) has the free passage of water from Karithala and Elamkulam wet lands westward to the backwater been largely blocked by the non-completion of the above work before the commencement of the monsoon and has this not adversely affected the prospects of successfull harvesting from these wet lands;

(d) what preventive step, if any, has the Government taken to minimise the extent of the losses?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The work was commenced by the middle of Medam 1111.

(b) Yes.

3rd Edavam 1111.

Yes.

(c) No.

(d) Vide answer to (c).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that the statement in (c) is incorrect?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I did not understand your question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Has the Hon'ble Member for Engineering made any effort to find out the correctness or otherwise of the statement contained in subdivision (c)?

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Mr. President.—The answers are furnished by Government after due enquiries are made.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sometimes without specific enquiry answers are furnished to us and that has happened on several occasions in the past. That is the pertinacity of my question.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Has the Hon'ble Member for Engineering made any personal enquiries?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—When was the construction of the bridge completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—On the 11th or 12th of Edavom.

Nettur Thodu—Silting up of.

31. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) are the Government aware of the silting up of the Nettur thodu;

(2) have they done anything to make the thodu navigable in ebb tide;

(3) if not, will they be pleased to attend to this urgent work at once?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) There has not been any complaint till now.

(2) No.

(3) Will be attended to according to the availability of funds.

Schools in Cheruthuruthy Constituency.

32. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കുഞ്ഞുരാമമേനോൻ.— (ക) ചെറുതുരുത്തി നിയോജകമണ്ഡലത്തിൽപ്പെട്ട ഫം വില്ലേജുകളിൽ ആകെ എത്ര സ്കൂളുകളും ഉണ്ട്;

(ഖ) അവയിൽ ഹൈസ്കൂളുകളും എത്ര;

(ന) അവയിൽ സർക്കാർവക എത്ര;

പ്രൈവറ്റ് മാനേജുമെണ്ടുവക എത്ര എന്ന ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവ ർമ്മെണ്ടു ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയാമോ;

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